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Events Just Prior to Arrest

On Wednesday, 16 August, Kampiles was shown a copy of the [redacted] at the FBI's Washington Field Office and confirmed it to be the document that he had passed to the Soviets. Kampiles then consented to having two FBI agents accompany him to Chicago so that a search could be made of his mother's home in Chicago, his own apartment in nearby Munster, Indiana, as well as his car to determine whether or not other CIA documents were located there (Kampiles had steadfastly denied taking any other documents). Accordingly, on that afternoon the two agents and Kampiles flew to Chicago, where they were met by two FBI agents assigned to the Chicago Field Office. The searches were conducted that evening, with negative results. At that point, since Kampiles was not yet under arrest, the FBI withdrew from Kampiles directly, but placed him under 24-hour surveillance.

The next morning (17 August), Kampiles was seen leaving for his job at his usual time. However, at approximately 10:00 a.m. CST he left work and went to his bank in downtown Chicago. After leaving the bank a short time later, he drove to a gas station with the FBI following in another car. When he departed the station at approximately 11:00 a.m. CST, he suddenly began driving very fast, and the Bureau lost contact with him in heavy traffic. The arrest warrant was thereafter issued by a U.S. magistrate in Chicago at approximately 3:00 p.m., with the FBI staking out his mother's home in Chicago and Kampiles' apartment in Munster. Kampiles was seen entering his apartment that evening, and at 9:30 p.m. CST was arrested at his apartment. According to the Bureau, he appeared to be watching television at the time of arrest and offered no resistance. It should be noted that in reconstructing Kampiles' activities to the extent possible during the period of approximately eight hours when he was not under FBI surveillance, the Bureau is by no means certain that he had purposely attempted to elude surveillance or otherwise flee. For instance, the Bureau has ascertained that Kampiles kept a luncheon appointment with a friend, during which time he acted in a relatively calm fashion. Moreover, FBI agents have informally remarked that Kampiles in general appeared to be a fast driver and may well have been operating his vehicle in his usual fashion at the time that he eluded surveillance.

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25X1      Almost immediately after the arrest late on the evening of the 17th, the Bureau issued a press release from its Washington headquarters announcing Kampiles' arrest for delivering the [redacted] to the Soviets. This report of the arrest appeared in the 18 August edition of the Washington Post and other newspapers. On the afternoon of the 17th, the DCI had been advised of the fact that Kampiles had eluded surveillance but would be arrested when he was located by FBI.

Kampiles is currently being held in custody in Chicago pending trial. The trial judge recently reduced his bail to \$100,000 secured (i.e., he must post collateral in the form of property, securities, etc. to cover the entire amount). Trial date is set for 30 October in U.S. District Court in Hammond, Indiana. Justice has assessed the chances for conviction as "good" based on the view that sufficient independent corroboration exists to support Kampiles' confession.

note: We believe that DCI briefed the President on the afternoon of 17 August re: the pending arrest, but we do not have first-hand knowledge to that effect.